

actually. The first is, as Senator Higgins pointed out, in her floor remarks and as developed at the hearing on the matter, there is a federal pornography statute that prohibits the interstate transportation of mailing of pornographic materials and this is the age used by the federal government. So this will make our statute conform with the federal's age limit. Secondly, we had some testimony from the Omaha Police Department and Douglas County prosecution office representatives that among the dozens and dozens of video tapes and the hundreds of photographs of pornographic material they had reviewed as a result of the November and December seizures, there were some borderline cases where it was impossible to tell from the photograph itself whether or not an individual was 15 or under. In other words, there were individual males, children, shown in pornographic poses whose ages were difficult to ascertain from the photographs themselves. So they indicated that it would be a lot easier in terms of prosecuting these cases if the age were raised so that these children portrayed in the photographs would clearly fall within the age limit in the statute, and then at the end of the hearing, the Omaha Police Department officer showed Senator Chizek and those other of us that were there at the hearing, Senator Abboud,...

PRESIDENT: One minute of time.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...eleven photographs, eleven actual photographs taken in those raids, and I think it was the experience of seeing those photographs that clinched the committee's opinion on the matter.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you. Before all of my time is gone, I appreciate the answer but it seems to me that no matter where the age is you are always going to have that problem of being able to look at a picture and not be able to tell. So I am not sure that that is a good reason itself. Okay, thank you, Senator Hoagland.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? Yes, Senator Higgins, the Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Vickers, to clarify a little bit more some of your questions, I can understand where you are coming from. Nebraska has a hodgepodge of legal age for minors. For